Guidance on Nateglinide

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Active ingredient: Nateglinide

Form/Route: Tablets/Oral

Recommended studies: 2 studies

1. Type of study: Fasting

Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in-vivo

Strength: 120 mg

Subjects: Normal, healthy, males and females, general population

Additional comments: All subjects should fast overnight for at least 10 hours prior to dosing and for 4 hours after dosing. A single oral dose (120 mg) should be administered with 240 mL of 20% glucose solution. Since, multiple plasma concentration peaks were often observed under fasting conditions, please ensure that the same sampling schedule is followed during the study for both test and reference drug administration.

Females should not be pregnant or lactating, and if applicable, should practice abstention

or contraception during the study.

2. Type of study: Fed

Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in-vivo

Strength: 120 mg

Subjects: Normal, healthy, males and females, general population

Additional comments: A single oral dose (120 mg) should be administered with 240 mL of water 30 minutes after start of a standard high-fat FDA breakfast. Subjects should start the recommended meal 30 minutes prior to administration of the drug product. Study subjects should eat this meal in 30 minutes or less; however, the drug product should be administered 30 minutes after start of the meal.

Females should not be pregnant or lactating, and if applicable, should practice abstention or contraception during the study.

Analytes to measure (in appropriate biological fluid): Nateglinide in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Nateglinide

Waiver request of in-vivo testing: 60 mg, based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence studies on the 120 mg strength, (ii) proportionally similar across all strengths, and (iii) acceptable in vitro dissolution testing of all strengths.

Dissolution test method and sampling times:

Please note that a **Dissolution Methods Database** is available to the public at the OGD website at http://www.fda.gov/cder/ogd/index.htm. Please find the dissolution information for this product at this website. Please conduct comparative dissolution testing on 12 dosage units each of all strengths of the test and reference products. Specifications will be determined upon review of the application.